

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 7 stand respectively rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US patent No. 5,272,614 (hereinafter Brunk) and US patent No. 6,538,909 (hereinafter Goodarzi). The Office Communication notes certain objections regarding claims 1-3. Applicant is appreciative of the indication by the Examiner of allowable subject matter. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled. Claims 5, 8, 9, and 11 have been rewritten in independent form to capture the allowable subject matter. Additionally, the objections noted in the Office Communication have been corrected. Therefore, the allowance of the amended claims is respectfully solicited.

Conclusion:

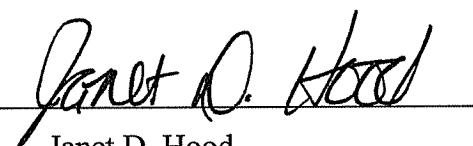
It is respectfully submitted that each of the claims pending in this application recites patentable subject matter and it is further submitted that such claims comply with all statutory requirements and thus each of such claims should be allowed.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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